

REMARKS

The present Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated October 21, 2005 in reference to the above-identified application. The Examiner has set a shortened statutory period for response to this action to expire three (3) months from the mailing date of the communication making this election due January 21, 2006. Filed concurrently herewith is a request for a one-month extension of time so that the present Amendment is due by February 21, 2006.

In that office action claims 29-56 were pending. Of these claims 35-37 were rejected as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

More substantively, claims 29, 31, 33, 34, and 42 were rejected as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) by U.S. Patent No. D300,475 to Caulder et al. Claims 29, 31, 42, 50, and 51 were rejected as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) by U.S. Patent No. D300,474 to Caulder et al.

Various claims were rejected as being obvious. Claims 30 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. D300,475 to Caulder et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,927,235 to Olaiz. Claims 35, 36, and 38 were rejected as obvious over Caulder et al. (D300,475) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,664,844 to Greene. Claims 33, 34, 39, 43-46, 48, 52, and 56 were rejected as being obvious over Caulder et al. (D300,474). Claims 30 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. D300,474 to Caulder et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,927,235 to Olaiz. Claims 35-38, 47, and 53 were rejected as obvious over Caulder et al. (D300,474) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,664,844 to Greene.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiners acknowledgement that claims 40, 41, 49, 54, and 55 all contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to the Examiners indication of allowable subject matter the applicant has rewritten dependent claim 40 as new claim 57, which includes the limitations of claim 39 and independent claim 29. Dependent claim 41 has been rewritten as new claim 58, which incorporates the limitations of claim 29. Dependent claim 49 has been rewritten as new claim 59, which incorporates the limitations of independent claim 43. Dependent claim 54 has been rewritten as new claim 60, which incorporates the limitations of independent claim 50. Finally, dependent claim 55 has been rewritten as new claim 61, which incorporates the limitations of independent claim 50. Accordingly, claims 40, 41, 49, 54, and 55 have all been canceled.

In addition, the remaining claims (29-39, 42-48, 50-53, and 56) have been canceled thereby obviating the Examiners rejections to those claims. The Applicant hereby expressly reserves the right to reinsert these claims as the subject of a continuation application if so desired.

Due to this Amendment, a new filing fee calculation is provided, as follows:

Maximum Total Claims This Amendment		Total Claims Previously Paid For	
5	-	28	= 0 x \$ 25.00 = \$0.00

Total Independent
Claims Per
This Amendment

Maximum Independent
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= 2 x \$100.00 = \$200.00

Additional Filing Fee Due \$200.00

Accordingly, our check no. 19040 in the amount of \$ 200.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-1940.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that the present application is in complete condition for allowance, and action to that end is courteously solicited. If any issues remain to be resolved prior to the granting of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney or agent for the Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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